

SEVERAL

ADDRESSES

To the

KINGS

Most Excellent

MAJESTY

viz.

From the Commissioners of the Lieutenancy of
the City of London.

Borough of Southwark,

Lynn-Regis in the County of Norfolk.

Trinity House of Deptford Strond,

The City of Gloucester.

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London, May 18th. At a meeting of the Lieutenancy this day it was Ordered, That Sir Thomas Bludworth Sir George Jeffreys, Mr. Serjeant Richardson, Sir Jonathan Raymond, Sir William Ruffel, Sir John Mathews; Sir Benjamin Newland, and John Buckworth, Esq; be desired to wait upon his Majesty at Hampton Court with the following Petition.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of Your Majesties most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commissioners of the Lieutenancy, and of the Officers, Citizens and Souldiers of the several Regiments and Companies of

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*the Militia and Trained Bands, within your City of London,
and the Suburbs and Liberties thereof.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH.



Hat Your Petitioners being infinitely satisfied with your Majesty's most Gracious and firm Resolutions of using Your utmost endeavours to preserve the Government as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State; sufficiently made known and secured to us, and to all other Your Majesties Dutiful, Loyal and Obedient Subjects, by Your late most Gracious Declaration published for that purpose, gives us Encouragement with all Duty Loyalty and Submission, humbly to beg leave to tender to Your most Sacred Majesty our most humble and hearty thanks for the same, and to give you a perfect assurance, that we are unanimously resolved, to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the preservation of Your Majesties Life (which we pray God long to continue) and for the maintenance of the Government, as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State, in opposition, to and defiance of all the Enemies and Opposers thereof, of what sort or Sect soever.

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound, shall ever Pray, &c.
At the General Sessions of the Peace holden for the Town and Borough of Southwark, on Monday the 16th. day of May, 1681. before the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of the City of London, the Recorder of the same City, and other His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Borough.

We the Grand-Jury Summoned and Sworn for this present Sessions of the Peace, holden for this Town and Borough of Southwark, do Humbly Beseech the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and the rest of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Borough, that his Lordship, or some other of His Majesties said Justices of the Peace will be pleased in the behalf of us and of the rest of the Inhabitants of the said Town and Borough, to Present to His most Sacred Majesty the Humble Address.

hereunto Annexed.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

DREAD SIR,

WE Your Majesties truly Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Grand-Jury of this Your Ancient Borough, having first Humbly begged Your Majesty to Believe that our Apprehensions of the Happiness we enjoy through Your Majesties Princely Care and Paternal Affection towards us, have always been such as become the Best Subjects to entertain under the Benign Influences of the most Propitious & Indulgent Monarch; do further Implore Your Majesty to accept of our most prostrate Acknowledgments of the Royal Grace and Favour of Your Majesties late Declaration, and to permit us to express how sensible we are of our Living under the most Desirable Government in the World.

The Protestant Religion, as Establish'd by Law, is so Dear to us, and our condition, by the Provision of the stated Laws of the Kingdom, is rendered so easie, that, though we have everhitherto in all Duty rested silently satisfied in Your Majesties Zeal for both, yet now, if it may please Your Majesty, we can no longer forbear to declare to Your Majesty, & publish to all the World, our grateful sense of Your Majesties so solemn, so Condescending, & so Gracious a Publication of Your Resolutions to maintain the one, and Rule by the other; thereby removing all the just Fears and Jealousies that might arise from the Practices of Undermining Papists and Factionous Republicans.

Your Majesties Gracious Promise of calling Frequent Parliaments, is so transcendent an Obligation upon Us who are resolved to be the same Loyal Subjects in the Intervals of Parliaments as during their Sessions, that whenever Your Majesties Wisdom and Providence shall Appoint an Election, we shall take all possible care to chuse such Representatives as shall comply with Your Majesties Designs of Extirpating Popery, and maintaining the Established Religion of the Church of *England*, and who shall likewise be ready to present Your Majesty with such Supplies as the Dignity of the Crown, and the Necessities of the Government shall require.

Your Majesty is pleased to remind us of the late Rebellion in a manner so obliging, and for an End so good, as gives a most undeniable Testimony of Your Majesties generous Oblivion of the Injustice therein done to Your self, and that Your Royal Memory retains only a

compassionate Impression of the miseries thereby brought upon Your *Subjects* ; so that should we not now yield our selves up as the Conquest of Your Majesties Goodness, and sit down contented with our own Happiness, but contrary to all Your Majesties Desires and Counsels fall into the like Guilt and Mischief again, we should be not only the most Ungrateful, but the most Unpied people in the World . And therefore, as we your Majesties ever Loyal *Subjects* do for our parts with shame and sorrow reflect upon the former miscarriages and Calamities, and with the utmost Detestation and Horror tremble at the thoughts of ever seeing the like a second time ; so we doubt not but that multitudes of deluded and misled men have, upon the occasion of Your Majesties Declaration, so effectually considered and recollected the several steps and advances by which they were betray'd into those Confusions, as to be by this time fully convinced that **true and Steady Loyalty is the surest Foundation of the Kingdoms Felicity.**

To this Maxim we declare that we do at present firmly stand, and that by it we will always act ; beseeching Your Majesty to be assured that our Lives and Fortunes lie at Your Royal Feet, and that we will upon all occasions be ready to Sacrifice them both in defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Establish'd Government of Church and State.

Which ADDRESS being Subscribed by every one of the Grand-Jury, was according to their Request Humbly Presented to His Majesty in Council at Hampton-Court by Sir George Treby, Knight, Recorder of the City of London, And had a most Gracious Acceptance.

*The Humble ADDRESS of the Borough of LYNN-REGIS
in the County of NORFOLK. May 17th. 1681.*

WE Your Majesties Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, A'dermen and Common-Council, and other the chief Inhabitants of Your ancient Burrough of *Lynn-Regis* in the County of Norfolk ; in all Loyalty and Dutiful Reverence, do give Your Majesty our Hum-

ble and Hearty Thanks for Your Royal Affection, and Continuance to the Excellent Constitution of the Church of *England*, and constant care to defend it against the ill designs of Popery, and all other Oppositions whatsoever; for Your firm Resolution, to maintain both the Just Rights of the Monarchy, and the Liberty and Property of Your People; particularly, for Your late Gracious Declaration, and those Instances of Your Princely Goodness, and Condescensions contained therein, which we think sufficient to allay the Fears, and remove the Mis-understandings of all wel-meaning and reasonable Men, ; and with Gratitude to Your Majesty, we account our selves highly obliged to praise Almighty God for the manifold Blessings we enjoy from, and under Your Majesties Government, exercized with great Justice, Wisdom and Clemency; wherefore as Religion and Allegiance engage us, we in a deep and grateful sense, of Your Princely Grace and Favour, do beseech the King of Kings, that he will Grant Your Majesty, a long and prosperous Reign, and to our utmost we shall endeavour with our Lives and Fortunes, the preservation of Your Royal Person, and the support of Your Royal Authority.

The Humble ADDRESS of the CORPORATION of TRINITY-HOUSE. Windsor, May 15th. 1681.

This day the Right Honourable George Earl of Berkeley, Master of the Corporation of Trinity House of the Deptford-Strond; in company with the Wardens, Assistants and Elder-Brethren of the said Corporation, attended His MAJESTY here, with an ADDRESS, Introduced by his Lordship, with a Speech to the Effect following.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects do in all Humility acknow'edg, that Your Majesty has been most Gracious to all Your Subjects; very particularly to Traders, and to those who have had the Honour to be employed in Your Maritime affairs. None of Your Predecessors (*SIR,*) have ever been pleased to give us so much Countenance and Encouragement as Your Majesty has done, and therefore we hope, You will please to pardon us, if we

put some value upon our selves for having received such signal marks of Your Grace and Favour to us. (*S I R,*) Your Great Goodness gives us the presumption of making this Humble Address to Your Majesty; which we beg may be now Read.

The Address was by His Majesties Command accordingly Read, in the Terms following, viz.

To the King's most Excellent *MAJESTY*. the Humble ADDRESS of the *Master, Wardens, Assistants and Elder-Brethren* of the Corporation of the *Trinity-House* of *Deptford-Strond*,
Sheweth,

THAT We Your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Body Corporate of the Seamen and Mariners of this Your Kingdom of England, having taken into serious consideration Your Majesty's most Gracious Declaration, wherein You have been lately pleased to give to all Your good Subjects an assurance of Your Royal Purposes of calling frequent Parliaments, and employing Your utmost Endeavours (both in and out of Parliament) towards the Extirpation of Popery, Redressing and Prevention of Grievances, and Governing in all things according to the Laws of this your Kingdom do with all Humility return Our most humble Thanks to Your most Sacred Majesty, for this Your so Gracious Condescension to the just and ample satisfaction of all Your Loyal Subjects; acknowledging it likewise the especial Duty of this Corporation, to declare to the World Your Majesty's Royal and unwearied Care, both in the general promotion of all Matters conducing to the Prosperity and Improvement of the Navigation and Trade of this Your Kingdom; and in the particular instance lately given thereof by Your Majesty, in Your Royal Endeavours for the preservation of Your City and Port of **TANGIER**, in the midst of so many Difficulties, and at so great Expence.

And We do most humbly beseech your Majesty to accept of the Assurances which we here in all duty tender you, of the utmost Effects of Our constant and sincere Allegiance to Your Majesty, under Your most Gracious Government, both in Church and State, as it is now by Law Established: Adding in all Humility, That as it has already been the Honour of very many Your Faithful Subjects. Members of
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this Corporation, to have hazarded their Lives in Your *Majesties* Service on the Seas, so do we (according to Our Oaths) unanimously Tender to Your most Excellent *Majesty*. (as to the best of *PRINCES*) the future Command of Our Lives and Fortunes, in the defence of Your most *Sacred Majesty*, Your Heirs and *Successors* ; Zealously praying to Almighty God, to grant Your *Majesty* a long and Prosperous Reign over us, with a Lasting , Peaceable and Right Succession to Your Royal Throne, according to Law.

His Majesty was pleased to express His Gracious acceptance thereof to this effect:

My LORD,

I Thank you kindly and hartily for this Address, and shall not be wanting to perform My part. And as I have always been a Friend to the Navigation and Seamen of *England*, you may assure your selves I shall ever be so.

To the **K I N G S** Most Excellent **M A J E S T Y**.
*The most Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs,
 and Common-Council of the City of GLOUCESTOR.*

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most humble, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, out of a deep sense of Your most Princely Tenderness, and transcendent Care, for us, and all Your good subjects, as well in respect of our Religious as Civil Concerns; Do make this our most humble and faithful Address, returning all possible Gratitude for Your Majesty's most Gracious late Declaration, which hath like a Flood of Goodness issued from Your Royal Heart toward all Your subjects, whereby all Men that have not wilfully blinded their Intellects, may be abundantly satisfied of your *Majesties* Fatherly Love to us all.

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We cannot but remember by what Frauds and Machinations the *Subjects* on this your *Majesties* Realm in the late Times were beguiled, and under pretext of Religion (and particularly this City, by which there was a most deserved Infamy brought upon us by Men of seditious Principles, the Dregs of which still remain always watching to disturb our Peace) cheated into a Rebellion, the Consequences whereof were a sad Devastation of all, and the loss of the best of Kings. And we have reason to believe the same deadly Poyson was again preparing, and had certainly been given, had not God put it into your *Majesties* Heart timely and most speedily to prevent it.

And therefore as we are bound to glorifie God for his mercy, so we make our most humble and grateful Acknowledgment to your *Majesty* for Your most intent Vigilance to save us from so portentous a storm; and do therefore with all Humility and Faithfulness prostrate our selves at Your *Majesties* Feet, solemnly vowing before God and the whole World, that we are and will be ready to the Last drop of our Blood, and Mite of our Estates, to stand by, and defend Your most Sacred Person, Your lawfull *Successors*, and the just Laws by which You govern, both in *Church* and *State*.

The God of Heaven and Earth by whom Kings reign Bless You with length of days, health and all affluence of Wealth; establish Your *Sacred Person* in the Hearts of Your People; dissipate your Enemies and confound their Devices; and let the *Scepter* of *Great Brittain* be swayed by You, and Your lawful *Successors*, to the end of Time.

This Address was presented to His Majesty on Friday, the 6th. of this instant May.